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1. REF A REPORTS ON OUR EXPRESSION OF CONCERN, AND DANISH REASSURANCES, OVER THE DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY OCCUR AT THE NPG MEETING IN FREDERIKSHAVN APRIL 18-19. DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS, MFA NATO CHIEF TORBEN FROST ALSO MADE THE SUGGESTIONS SET OUT BELOW. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

2. FROST NOTED, AS AN EXAMPLE, THE STORY IN TODAY'S DANISH PRESS - BASED ON AN AP FILE FROM BRUSSELS - THAT REPEATS THE THEME THAT THE NPG INTENDS TO TAKE A "SIGNIFICANT DECISION" ON THE "NEUTRON BOMB" AT ITS APRIL 18-19 MEETING IN DENMARK. FROST OBSERVED THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE "NEUTRON BOMB" INSTEAD OF THE NPG AS SUCH. CONSEQUENTLY, AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENTS FROM WASHINGTON AND/OR NATO TO THE EFFECT THAT THE ERW IS NOT RPT NOT ON THE AGENDA MIGHT TAKE SOME OF THE WIND OUT OF THE DEMONSTRATORS'

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3. ON THE MORE GENERAL LEVEL, FROST UNDERLINED THE POINT HE HAD MADE EARLIER (REFTEL B) AND SAID THAT THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON WHEN THE US WISHES TO PROCEED WITH ERW CONSULTATIONS IS MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THE DANES TO HOLD THE RELATIVELY FAVORABLE POSITION THEY STRUCK IN

ANTICIPATION OF THE ABORTED NAC. THE DANES WOULD HOPE
THAT DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN COULD INFORMALLY ADDRESS
THE QUESTION OF WHERE WE ARE ON ERW AT THE FREDERIKSHAVN
MEETING.
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